

5 TMDL Scheduling

A schedule shall be established by the RWQCBs and SWRCB for waters on the section 303(d) list that identifies the TMDLs that will be established within the current listing cycle and the number of TMDLs scheduled to be developed thereafter.

For water quality limited segments needing a TMDL, RWQCBs shall develop a completion schedule in compliance with federal law and regulation based on, but not limited to, the following criteria:

- Water body significance (such as importance and extent of beneficial uses, threatened and endangered species concerns, and size of water body);
- Degree that water quality objectives are not met or beneficial uses are not attained or threatened (such as the severity of the pollution or number of pollutants/stressors of concern) [40 CFR 130.7(b)(4)];
- Degree of impairment;
- Potential threat to human health and the environment;
- Water quality benefits of activities ongoing in the watershed;
- Potential for beneficial use protection and recovery;
- Degree of public concern;
- Availability of funding; and
- Availability of data and information to address the water quality problem.

All water body-pollutant combinations on the section 303(d) list shall be assigned a TMDL schedule date.